

Regarding the rejections by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103, Applicants have reviewed the references cited by the Examiner and respectfully submit that these references, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the present compositions which comprise, *inter alia*, elastomer particles having an average particle diameter of 10-700 nm. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Finally, regarding the double-patenting rejections, Applicants intend to submit a Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. Patent 6,287,745 when all other rejections have been withdrawn. With respect to U.S. Patent 5,981,616, it is respectfully submitted that the double-patenting rejections have been overcome in view of the inclusion in the claims of elastomeric particles having an average particle diameter of 10-700 nm.

CONCLUSION

All rejections have been addressed and it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. However, if any questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix

APPENDIX TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2, 19, and 21-32 have been cancelled.

Claims 43-52 have been added.

Claims 33, 38, and 39 have been amended as follows:

33. (Amended) A photocurable resin composition comprising:
- (A) an epoxy compound having two or more alicyclic epoxy groups;
 - (B) a cationic photopolymerization initiator;
 - (C) [dipentaerythritol penta(meth)acrylate] a polyfunctional monomer having two or more ethylenically unsaturated groups in one molecule;
 - (D) a radical photopolymerization initiator; [and]
 - (E) a polyol having three or more hydroxyl groups in one molecule; and
 - (F) elastomer particles having an average particle diameter of 10-700 nm.
38. (Amended) The composition of claim 33, wherein said composition comprises, relative to the total weight of the composition, 7-25wt% of said [dipentaerythritol penta(meth)acrylate] polyfunctional monomer.
39. (Amended) The composition of claim 38, wherein said composition comprises, relative to the total weight of the composition, [40-75] 20-85 wt% of said epoxy compound.